

Chairman Dargan, Chairman Larsen,

Ranking Member Gulielmo, Ranking Member Zupkus

Distinguish Members of the Public Safety Committee

Good Afternoon, My name is Clarence Jackson

I thank you for this opportunity to sit before you this afternoon.

I am hear to voice my support for House Bill 5924

An Act Concerning Late Submission of Claims for Lottery Prizes.

In order to stay within my 3 minute time fame, so others to speak,

I will give a quick summary of my 19-year journey.

As many of you may already know, I purchased a winning Lotto ticket on Friday the 13th of October 1995 that was discovered on Sunday the 13th of October 1996

Because of extenuating circumstances the ticket was turned in three days later, in which the Connecticut Lottery refused to pay me.

After receiving a letter from the Maryland Assistant Attorney General, I decided come to the Connecticut legislature for help.

It was 18 years ago that I testified before this very same committee.

The late Sen. Alvin Penn and Rep. Dargan were the Chairmen at the time.

The committee decided not to vote on my bill.

As of result the bill died in Committee.

Later in the same session, the House passed an amendment. But the Senate decided to kill the bill.

The House again passed amendments in 2004 and 2006. But the Senate killed the bill both times.

During the 19 years lobbying this cause, I found that there have been many other circumstances like mines.

All were resolved in favor of the lottery player.

Even here in the State of Connecticut, the legislature passed a special act for a 16-year-old player that won.

The Connecticut Lottery refused to pay him because he was underage.

The Connecticut Lottery offered to refund his refund.

He refused to take the refund because he said the Connecticut Lottery needed the dollar more than he did.

I received a word of encouragement from former Gov. George Pataki, who at a Yale Harvard football game told me to keep fighting.

He signed a bill to allow a taxi cab driver that lost his ticket, after the New York Lottery refused to pay him.

New York Lottery rules stated that the physical ticket must be present in order to receive payment.

In Maryland, the legislature extended the lottery deadline by two days to allow some to claim their prize after the ticket was turned in late.

There are many more lottery instances in Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, and Massachusetts.

I can't forget to mention about how every year this legislature grants the extension of time on many issues. Too many to name.

In closing, I once again thank you for this opportunity.

I hope we can have dialog on the issue

I humbly ask for support for your support of House Bill 5924

Please feel free to ask any questions and share your concerns with me.

I would be honored to answer your questions and talk about your concerns.

Thank you and...

May God Bless You All